

attendance in the Corridor, and the other to be delivered to the Lord Chamberlain, who will announce the name to His Royal Highness.

PRESENTATIONS.

Any Nobleman or Gentleman who proposes to be presented, must leave at the Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace, *before twelve o'clock*, two clear days before the Levee, a card with his name written thereon, and with the name of the Nobleman or Gentleman by whom he is to be presented. In order to carry out the existing regulation that no presentation can be made at a Levee excepting by a person actually attending that Levee, it is also necessary that an intimation from the Nobleman or Gentleman who is to make the presentation, of his intention to be present, should accompany the presentation card above referred to, which will be submitted to The Queen for Her Majesty's approbation. It is Her Majesty's command that no presentations shall be made at these Levees, except in accordance with the above regulations.

It is particularly requested, that in every case the names be *very distinctly written* upon the cards to be delivered to the Lord Chamberlain, in order that there may be no difficulty in announcing them to His Royal Highness.

The State apartments will be open for the reception of Company coming to Court at one o'clock.

SYDNEY,
Lord Chamberlain.

Westminster, April 24, 1871.

THIS day the Lords being met a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that *The Lords authorized by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by Her Majesty, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read;* and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to

An Act to make further provision in reference to loans obtained under the Poor Law Acts.

An Act for punishing mutiny and desertion, and for the better payment of the Army and their quarters.

An Act for the regulation of Her Majesty's Royal Marine Forces while on shore.

Education Department, Whitehall,
April 24, 1871.

THE Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council on Education have issued orders this day

for the formation of School Boards in the under-mentioned Parishes:—

Boughton Monchelsea	...	Kent
Brawdy	...	Pembroke
Dolgelly	...	Merioneth
Downham Market	...	Norfolk
Eccleshill	...	York
Eglwysilan	...	Glamorgan
Hanslope	...	Bucks
Killybebill	...	Glamorgan
Llangybi	...	Carnarvon
Llanderfel	...	Merioneth
Llanidloes	...	Montgomery
Llanfihangel Esgeifog	...	Anglesey
Llanfihangel Llantarnam	...	Monmouth
Llanwnda	...	Carnarvon
Menwith with Darley	...	York
Misterton	...	Notts
Newport	...	Pembroke
Penderyn	...	Brecon
Sutton St. Mary	...	Lincoln
Talley	...	Carmarthen
Thornton	...	York
Newtown	...	Montgomery

and in the municipal borough of Carnarvon.

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Board of Trade, Whitehall,
April 24, 1871.

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, from Her Majesty's Ambassador at Versailles, an extract from the "Journal Officiel" of the 17th instant, containing a Decree of the French Government relating to public contracts for war material, &c., and of which the following is a translation:—

Art. 1. A Commission, composed of sixty members of the National Assembly, nominated by the Bureaus at the rate of four members per Bureau, is charged with examining all the contracts passed by the public departments on account of the war, payable wholly or in part by the State, and with checking the regularity of their negotiation and execution.

Art. 2. Copies of all contracts concluded with persons other than those agents authorised for this purpose by laws, decrees, ordinances, or regulations, shall be, on the responsibility of the parties interested, and under pain of forfeiture, addressed within two months from the promulgation of the present law to the proper minister, who will transmit them to the Commission with his observations.

Art. 3. All documents and particulars of a nature to assist the Commission will be immediately placed at its disposition by the competent ministers.

All powers are conferred on the Commission for the purpose of summoning and interrogating persons able to give information and of causing them to communicate any thing likely to assist it in its labours.

Art. 4. A report shall be addressed by the Commission to the National Assembly.

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Board of Trade, Whitehall,
April 24, 1871.

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade have received,